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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS FEATURES US-ISRAELI DIFFERENCES

1. PRESS DEVOTED BANNER HADLINES AND CONSIDERABLE SPACE
SEP 10 TO US-ISRAELI DIFFERENCES ON PEACE PROCESS. GUMHURIYYA
LEAD BANNER PROCLAIMED, "CARTER ACCUSES ISRAEL OF DELIBERATELY
DEFYING AMERICAN POLICY." STORY SAID PRES DECLARED THAT US
CONSIDERS ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN ARAB
LANDS AS ILLEGAL AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN US POSITION FOR
SEVERAL YEARS.

2. AHRAH INSTEAD FEATURED REPORT THAT WASHINGTON DIP SOURCES
DEPRECATING "NEW ISRAELI PEACE PLAN" AS "MERE SCATTERED
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IDEAS". PLAN SAID TO MAKE NO REFERENCE TO WITHDRAWAL EXCEPT
FOR ISRAELI "REDISTRIBUTION OF FORCES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES."
PLAN ALSO IGNORED MENTION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, BUT PROPOSED
"OFFSET" WHEREBY PALESTINIANS WOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR LAND
IN RETURN FOR COMPENSATION OF JEWS FOR PROPERTY ABANDONED IN
ARAB COUNTRIES. PEACE PLAN FOCUSED ON EXCHANGE OF DIP REPRESENTATION
AND ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AS BASIS FOR

PEACE.

3. AHRAH APPARENTLY SUFFICIENTLY BUOYED TO CONTRAST US REACTION WITH COMMENTS BY ISRAELI MINAG SHARON THAT "ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN PEACE AND THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT WITHDRAW FROM WEST BANK OR GOLAN." (IN PAST WEEKS, PRESS HAS MADE NO MENTION OF STATEMENTS BY SHARON, GUR., ETC., ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY.)

4. EGYPTIAN VIEWS. EGYPTIAN REACTION CONTAINED IN COVERAGE OF FAHMY INTERVIEW WITH "LE REVEIL". FAHMY SAID GENEVA CAN BE HELD THIS YEAR ONLY "IF PRES CARTER WIELDS HIS INFLUENCE TO SOFTEN ISREALI POSITION OR CHANGE OCCURS WITHIN ISRAEL ITSELF. EGYPT CONTINUING TO PRESS WASHINGTON TO ACT ON PEACE POSSIBILITIES." FAHMY INSISTED ANY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT DEPENDED ON LOCAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS INCLUDING RIGHT TO VIABLE STATE." FAILURE OF PEACE EFFORTS, ACCORDING FAHMY, WOULD MEAN ISREALI REJECTION OF PEACE THAT ENTURE WORLD IS SEEKING. "ISRAEL WOULD THUS HAVE TO PAY THE CONSEQUENCES."

5. ON ARAB FRONT, FAHMY DENIED THAT ANY CLASH HAD OCCURRED BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA AT ARAB LEAGUE MIN CONF. SAID HE WILL CONSULT WITH ARAFAT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR US FOR FURTHER CONTACTS ON PEACE PROCESS. ACCORDING PRESS, FAHMY WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT SEP 21 AND WITH SEC SEP 21-22. HE ALSO EX-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PECTED TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES "FOR DIALOGUE" BEFORE PROCEEDING TO DO BATTLE AT UNGA.

6. COMMENT: AS OFTEN THE CASE, EDITORIAL COMMENTARY HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING GOE ASSESSMENT. TREATMENT UPBEAT, BUT MANAGES AVOID HOPEFUL CONCLUSION THAT GOE REQUESTS FOR PRACTICAL US STEPS WILL BE HONORED THIS TIME. EILTS

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